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ITEM V

Prior art

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-A-5 708 202 (AUGUSTIN ULRICH ET AL) January 13, 1998

D2: DE 197 27 794 C (SIEMENS AG) January 28, 1999

D3: JP 06 213051 A (NIPPONDENSO CO LTD) August 2, 1994

D4: JP 10 089135 A (TOYOTA MOTOR CORP) April 7, 1998

D5: DE 100 61 855 A (BOSCH GMBH ROBERT) August 29, 2002

D6: DE 101 36 706 A (DENSO CORP KARIYA) February 7, 2002

D7: DE 196 22 757 A (BOSCH GMBH ROBERT) May 15, 1997

Claim 1

2. The present Application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of Claim 1 is not novel as defined by PCT Article 33(2).

3. D1 discloses a method for operating an internal combustion engine having a fuel-driven combustion motor, in which fuel is delivered under pressure to the combustion motor via a fuel delivery system (D1, Abstract), in which context a pressure decay rate in the fuel delivery system is determined; and a fault is inferred as a function of a comparison of the pressure decay rate with a predefined threshold value (D1, col. 3, lines 13-24, and Figure 2).

4. The Applicant is advised that documents D2 - D5 also disclose the subject matter of Claim 1.

Claims 2-11

5. With regard to D1 and D6, dependent Claims 2 and 3 appear to contain no features that meet PCT requirements with reference to an inventive step.

6. With regard to D1, dependent Claims 4 and 11 appear to contain no features that meet PCT requirements with reference to novelty.

7. With regard to D1 and D7, dependent Claim 5 appears to contain no features that meet PCT requirements with reference to an inventive step.

8. With regard to D1 and D5, dependent Claims 6 and 10 appear to contain no features that meet PCT requirements with reference to an inventive step.

9. With regard to D1 and D6, dependent Claims 7 - 9 appear to contain no features that meet PCT requirements with reference to an inventive step.